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## Distracted driving reaps \$5 M for Alta.

### TRAFFIC LAWS

**Police say about 86,000 tickets issued in Calgary since 2011**

**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

The province is capitalizing on the foolishness of many Albertans who continue to text, groom, read and much more, all while behind the wheel.

Since the 2011 inception of Alberta's distracted driving law, the province has issued more than 86,000 tickets, and with 27,417 convictions in 2014-15 alone, the province is pocketing nearly \$5 million annually off the \$172 per-ticket offence, according to

statistics provided by Alberta's justice and transportation ministries.

Calgary police Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey said, in Calgary alone, they have issued around 26,000 tickets since 2011.

"The law is pretty clear," he said. "It's set up that if one of those offences is causing a distraction, or if you're doing it while behind the wheel then you can receive a distracted driving ticket."

Although tickets issued for phone use have remained steady for the last three years, at around 24,000 provincially, the number of tickets issued for using other electronic devices such as laptops, iPads and games has more than quadrupled from 486 tickets issued in 2012-2013 to 2,565 tickets issued in 2014-2015.

"We have actually over a million vehicles registered in Calgary alone, so that is a lot of cars on the road and a lot of people that are going to take their chances," said Stacey.

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# Valuables in blue bins attracting 'wrong crowd'

INGLEWOOD

**Man rallies community to stop recycling in alleyways**

**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary

An Inglewood resident is trying a new approach to discourage alleyway bin surfers from peeking into yards for valuables.

With the economic downturn, some bottle depots are filling with people looking to grab an extra buck. And that means some of the city's alleyways are being trolled by bottle collectors hoping to scrounge together some glass for cash.

The Calgary police have already documented a spike in petty crime in the area, and Inglewood resident Jack Adamson said he worries thieves are able to scope out their cars, yards and garages for valuables without being detected or ques-

tioned because they have one excuse to scope out alleyways: bottle collection.

He's suggesting neighbours band together to stop putting refundables in the alley recycling bins, opting instead to save them and go to a bottle depot at the end of the month. With the cash, he's hoping Inglewood can donate money to an agreed upon cause.

"The idea just came to me over the weekend when my dog was barking, as she does each time there's someone in the back alley," Adamson said.

"Why don't we just get rid of people throwing their refundables in their blue bins, or in their black bins for that matter," Adamson said. "It's kind of an attraction for people to come into our alleys and pick up our bottles."

For years Adamson said he's been sorting his garbage a little more strategically, skipping the blue and black bins when it comes to recyclables worth some coin and it adds up to almost \$10 a month, which, over a year, really adds up.

Acting Staff Sgt. Vince Hancott told Metro police can't do much if someone is looking through recycling bins, or even garbage, because once it's outside of personal property, residents can't have an expectation of privacy.

"From our perspective I think we would support it because you want to get rid



After a few too many neighbourhood break-ins a Calgary resident is asking others to use more caution. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

of that positive reinforcement where someone associates the blue bin with money," Hancott said. "We definitely want to get rid of that positive association."

Hancott said it becomes an issue when those collecting

bottles start going on people's property to check bins.

"There's a temptation there, I guess, for them to go into someone's backyard and then if they see an opened or unlocked garage door, this has

been an issue," he said.

Adamson plans to approach his community association, and even ask the city if a sticker program can be put in place to let those looking for bottles know they will be out of luck.

TRANSIT

## 4-car LRT training delayed

Calgary Transit is pulling the plug on a training session with two new four-car trains after calculations revealed electrical issues with the added cars.

The training, set to begin Tuesday has been pushed back a week, while transit officials find a solution and ensure their four-car trains get rolling without a hitch. Last minute calculations showed there was a "slight risk" of "nuisance faults" in the power system.

The nuisance fault opens up the possibility that the train could cause a circuit breaker to trip the breaker interrupting power to the train.

"It could cause power problems on the system," said Ron Collins, spokesman for Calgary Transit. "We want to ensure reliability is as high as possible when the cars are out there."

Collins said they're being proactive with these precautions, adding they're trying to eliminate any delays, especially since the cars would be in active service.

Experts with Calgary Transit and Enmax are working over the next couple of days to help training move forward by the end of this week or beginning of next.

"This is not in any way going to impact or effect our roll out of four-car CTrains that will begin as planned in December," Collins said.

Training will only consist of two trains and the rest of the four-car fleet will begin rolling out in December as old cars are decommissioned.

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**IN BRIEF****Fires in Airdrie prompt investigation by RCMP**

RCMP have opened an arson investigation following nine fires in a bedroom community north of Calgary in the last two weeks.

The fires in Airdrie occurred in a parking lot, a garbage can, a newspaper stand, an unoccupied RV, a shed and in unoccupied townhouses under construction.

There were also blazes in straw bales and a barn.

RCMP Const. Jason Curtis says no injuries have been reported.

"We don't have any suspects at this point," said Curtis. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Airdrie RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

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**Victim in Beltline murder was robbed: City police**

Police say a man found dead in a downtown Calgary alley on Sunday night was robbed of a bag before he was killed.

Investigators believe the victim met with an individual and an altercation took place. The suspect fled with the bag on foot.

They say there's nothing to indicate this was a random attack and they believe drugs played a role in the fight.

An autopsy is now scheduled for Wednesday. Police hope to identify the man at that time, as well as release the official cause of death.

Police said paramedics were called at 11:20 p.m. Sunday night, after hearing reports that a man had been assaulted in a fight in the alley behind the Safeway on 12 Avenue SW.

He was found dead when EMS arrived, police said. METRO



**Falconridge School is one of five educational institutions where the CBE will be requesting replacement portables for their aging units.** AARON CHATHA/METRO

# Classroom demand, enrolment on the rise

**EDUCATION**

## Several schools near capacity, CBE to request fix for 2016-17



**Aaron Chatha**  
Metro | Calgary

over last year.

Amber Stewart, trustee of wards 12 & 14, said this highlights the need for more modular units.

"Last year we grew by nearly 2,500 students, so we think the need is very clear here within the city," Stewart said. "These will provide learning spaces that our students desperately need."

The CBE will be requesting 12 new modular units at five schools for the 2016-17 school year.

They will also be requesting 24 replacement portables across five schools, for units that have exceeded their life cycle.

Last year the CBE's request included 28 modular classrooms in 11 CBE schools. In January, 19 of those modular

**These will provide learning spaces that our students desperately need.**

Amber Stewart

classrooms were approved.

Two of those classrooms were given to Coventry Hills School, where they're already in place and in use.

"Having the extra space will be a huge benefit to the students, as it will afford the ability to provide extra classes where needed and the space to offer special programming in its own location, as opposed to hallways and common areas."

said Jennifer Sheltens, school council chair, through email. "As always, class sizes are always on the minds of parents. Any effort to keep the sizes down is definitely welcome news."

Last week, the Alberta Government announced 101 school projects have been delayed. Stewart pointed out that the CBE is still growing, and new spaces are needed to give students the learning environment they deserve.

"We continue to grow and our needs for space continue, in all parts of the city," she said. "What this report highlights is that our growth is throughout the city, not just in new communities. It's in older communities where we've seen more students coming back."

**MADONNA**

## Fans let down by security

Two men say a Madonna concert in Edmonton turned into a humiliating experience due to security guards.

Travis Robertson and Guy DeBlasio, both of Calgary, were in their seats at Rexall Place on Sunday night when security asked to see their tickets — for a third time.

The electronic tickets were on one of the men's phone, but it had died during the concert.

It was taking too long to log in on another phone, so the men were escorted out and met by police.

The men were finally able to prove they had the tickets and returned to their seats, but by that point the show was nearly over.

Venue operator Northlands said guest services would provide the two men with tickets for another show at the venue — but not another Madonna show the next night.

"It was a significant investment, so there's loss there," Robertson said. "But even if this wasn't an investment, it was humiliating. We had friends who had come here from Calgary as well. We made a holiday out of this."

The two men would like to see Northlands implement better policies for dealing with electronic tickets.

"There needs to be practices and policies and equipment in place that if there is going to be a situation like that, it could be handled quickly," Robertson said.

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**It was humiliating.**

Travis Robertson



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## CALGARY FOOTHILLS

### 1 John Barlow

**Party:** CPC  
**Age:** 44

**Occupation:** Macleod MP

#### Elevator Pitch:

This election is not only about proven leadership and sound economic policy, but it is also about representation.

I believe it is extremely important the residents of Foothills have a representative who knows the riding, knows the issues, knows the communities and knows the people of Foothills.

In meeting with residents the key issues are protecting our economy, championing the energy industry, access to high speed internet and new markets for our agriculture industry.



### 2 Tanya MacPherson

**Party:** Liberal  
**Age:** 51

**Occupation:** Research scientist, project manager

**Elevator Pitch:** Tanya MacPherson, your Liberal candidate here in the Foothills Riding.

I want to be your MP because I believe Canada needs positive change. I'd like government to return to evidence-based decision-making, to be a government that will share information across disciplines to push for new ways of doing things for the betterment of Canadians, both here in Foothills and across Canada.

I'm a research scientist by training, a small-business owner and a married mother of two teenage boys.



### 3 Alison Thompson

**Party:** NDP  
**Age:** 44

**Occupation:** Engineer

#### Elevator Pitch:

A leader in her field, she has enjoyed a successful career in Alberta's energy sector. She will work to grow small businesses, all the while generating good local jobs and diversifying our economy.

Alison has executive-level experience and began her career 20 years ago in Foothills at the Waterton gas plant.

Now specializing in renewable energy, Alison is chair of CanGEA, a non-partisan group that engages stakeholders on transitioning to a cleaner, more diversified energy future.



### 4 Romy S. Tittel

**Party:** Green Party

**Age:** 56  
**Occupation:** Business owner

#### Elevator Pitch:

I was born and raised in Calgary and for the last 15 years I live and work in Springbank. As the co-owner of an international software company, every day starts with checking out what is happening in the world around us, how it impacts our business and our life. Successfully navigating through the boom and bust cycles in Alberta are the challenges I have faced these past 27 years in business.



## BANFF-AIRDRIE

### 1 Blake Richards

**Party:** CPC  
**Age:** 40

**Occupation:** Incumbent

#### Elevator Pitch:

I am running for re-election as the Conservative candidate for Banff-Airdrie in order to continue to serve constituents and our country on important issues, such as keeping our economy strong and supporting Canadian families.

I was humbled to have been recognized as the Best Constituency and Hardest Working MP and I will continue to be a strong voice for my constituents. On Oct. 19 I ask for your support to continue to represent your interests in Ottawa.



### 2 Mario Reynolds

**Party:** Liberal  
**Age:** 42

**Occupation:** Vice President Market Development, BluEarth

**Elevator Pitch:** As a long-time Albertan living in Canmore, I am committed to ensuring that the people of Banff-Airdrie gain real influence in the next government. With a PhD in mechanical engineering, I have worked in the energy sector for 20 years advising governments and energy companies on profitably improving environmental performance. I am a husband and father, and as MP my focus will be on reviving our economy, rescuing our environment, and restoring our democracy.



### 3 Joanne Boissonneault

**Party:** NDP  
**Age:** N/A  
**Occupation:** Teacher

**Elevator Pitch:** Joanne has a track record of standing up for families and quality education as a teacher and elected representative. She was elected to three terms as district representative to the Alberta Teachers' Association and taught at all levels, including Mount Royal University. A specialist in special education, she worked as a psycho-educational consultant for Alberta's francophone school boards. A longtime Airdrie resident, Joanne lives with her husband and three sons.



### 4 Mike MacDonald

**Party:** Green Party

**Age:** 45  
**Occupation:** Early childhood mental health consultant

#### Elevator Pitch:

Mike and his wife Sharon and their two children live in the Summer Village of Waiparous. He works for Alberta Health Services and in his free time, Mike participates in triathlon and ultra distance trail marathons. True democracy and protecting our environment are key issues for Mike. He is keen to chart a new political course in Canada, which emphasizes the need for the sustainable development of our environmental resources.



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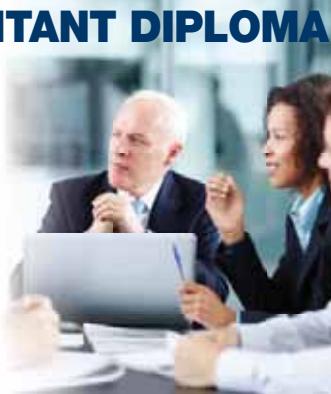
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# Police ID homicide victim

RANCHLANDS

**Officials ask anyone at the house party to contact them**

**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Police have identified the victim of a murder in the northwest community of Ranchlands Sunday evening.

Family identified the woman as Christa Cachene, 26, of Calgary, according to CPS.

Staff Sgt. Colin Chisholm said police responded to a home on the 0-100 block of Ranchlands Bay NW around 5:30 p.m. Sunday, after they received reports of a suspicious death.

Chisholm said the cause of death won't be released at this time.

"Right now it appears that there was some violence that took place within the home," he said.

According to Chisholm, offi-



**Homicide victim Christa Cachene.** FACEBOOK

cials believe there was a party at the home on Saturday night, with a number of people in attendance. They're asking anyone who might have been at the party to contact them.

Chisholm said the victim lived in the home with her two children who weren't at home at the time.

Police said they also attended the area after reports of car

prowling early Sunday morning. It's unknown if the two incidents are connected.

Just days before her death, Cachene posted a video to her Facebook page reminding

friends and family that time is valuable.

"So I realize that time is very, very valuable," she said. "That's a piece of your life you will never ever be able to get back, so be careful who you spend your time with."

Friends took to the social media platform to express their shock and sadness at Cachene's passing.

Elena Tatiana commented "Going to miss you, homie" on a photo of Cachene, while Ben DoverMeow said "Rest in Paradise Christa Cachene. Love you Cous."

Investigators are asking anyone who may have been in the area at the time of the incident to contact police by calling the non-emergency line at 403-266-1234 or the Homicide Unit Tip Line at 403-428-8877.

## IN BRIEF

### Police issue warrant in dating site fraud case

Calgary police are looking for a man wanted on fraud charges after he was suspected of using dating websites to solicit money from women.

Dallon Johnstone, 28, who may also go by the name of Kyle Zirelli, is wanted on an Alberta-wide warrant for fraud under \$5,000. He's suspected of convincing a woman to give him cash in exchange for a cheque allegedly worth \$550 in March 2015.

The woman was alerted by her bank shortly after that the cheque bounced, but she has been unable to reach the man since. Police have received a number of similar allegations where women are approached by a man they met on an online dating site asking for money. Johnstone is described as white, approximately six feet tall, 200 lbs. with brown hair, brown eyes and a tattoo on his right forearm reading "West 2012." METRO

### Video surfaces of abducted Canadians

Two men who identify themselves as Canadians taken hostage last month in the Philippines have appeared at gunpoint in a video that is circulating online. One man introduces himself as Robert Hall, who says he is OK but in grave danger. Another says he is John Ridsdel and urges the Canadian government to help the hostages.

Ridsdel has connections to Calgary. Canadians Hall and Ridsdel, a Norwegian man and a Filipina woman were taken hostage by gunmen from the Holiday Ocean View Samal Resort on Samal Island in the Philippines in September.

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### Speeder clocked doing 197 km/h near Innisfail

Innisfail RCMP nabbed the driver of a BMW clocked doing nearly twice the speed limit early Sunday morning. A member of the Innisfail RCMP was travelling northbound on the QEII Highway around 2 a.m. Oct. 11 when the officer noticed a black BMW approaching at a high rate of speed. The officer turned on his radar and recorded the vehicle's speed at 197 km/h in a 110 km/h zone. The driver,

a 22-year-old man from Edmonton, faces several charges. METRO

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### GIANT PANDAS

## Zoo won't celebrate twin births just yet

**Helen Pike**  
Metro | Calgary



**The twin pandas at Toronto zoo.** COURTESY TORONTO ZOO

The Calgary Zoo is holding off on any impending panda-monium, for now.

On Tuesday, the Toronto Zoo's family got a little bit bigger as twin not-so-giant panda cubs were born. But as the first few days are "crucial" in the babies' survival, officials in Calgary say it's not a time to celebrate yet.

In three years, Toronto's pandas will make the trip west to Calgary where the zoo is making preparations to house a family of two. Or, if all goes well, four.

"Right now it really truly is Toronto's story as they move through this critical time with the little ones, so we're very excited for them," said Calgary Zoo spokeswoman Trish Exton-Parder. "We're still anticipating Er Shun and Da Mao here in 2018, and all going well with the cubs, there's a possibility they would come along, too."

Exton-Parder said the pandas' enclosure is in the design phase right now and she's unsure when construction would begin, but the zoo has always planned for a little wiggle room in case

the panda family in Toronto grew.

"Our design would accommodate that for sure," Exton-Parder said. "We would just make sure that there's space for that inevitability if that were to be the case."

Pandas only look after one baby at a time, so because there are twins in the picture, the Toronto Zoo is in the middle of a "hand-rearing" program. That care sees the second baby cub living in an incubator for warmth while it's hand fed, then switching up the baby to give Er Shun time to bond with both.

"Anything can happen; the terminology 'cautiously optimistic' is the best way to put it, in that we don't want people to run out and start celebrating," Exton-Parder said.



Puppeteer Jamie Konchak holds up a mouse named Peep and an otter on the set of the upcoming puppet show, *The Floating Mouse*. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

## City disaster becomes art

## THEATRE

### Flood inspired local artist to create show

 **Jeremy Simes**  
For Metro | Calgary

Mouse siblings Peep and Relish know exactly what it's like to feel they've lost everything — much like many Calgarians when the 2013 flood swept through their homes.

In fact, it was the flood that inspired Jennie Esdale to write and direct *The Floating Mouse* for the Green Fools Theatre, where puppeteer Jamie Konchak will operate Peep and Relish, along with Otter, Raccoon and Fox.

After the Green Fools Theatre was demolished due to significant flood damage, Esdale said she had plenty of down time to write and think about the musical.

"(The theatre) looked totally ravaged," she said. "But our city was inspiring: there were moments of beauty within the tragedy."

She soon approached Konchak with the idea and, with

out hesitation, Konchak was more than willing to bring the story to life on stage.

The musical follows Peep's journey to find Relish, after a flood separates the siblings.

Peep had always been a timid mouse who'd rather stay at home — but the flood forces her to leave the mouse house, finding courage and resilience after encountering other critters along the way.

In one scene, she learns how to swim after Raccoon tries to eat her.

"Peep represents all of us," Esdale said. "I think people can relate to her journey. We are all little mice in a big world."

Konchak added that while the world is changing a lot, "especially with climate change," it doesn't have to be all doom and gloom.

"I think (this story) also shows that there's hope," she said. "It's not only a scary world, but a big and beautiful world."

The Floating Mouse opens Thursday at 7 p.m. at the West Village Theatre, 2007 10 Avenue SW. The musical is up until Oct. 25, and more showtimes can be found at [greenfools.com](http://greenfools.com).

 **I think people can relate to her journey. We are all little mice in a big world.**

Jennie Esdale

## HEALTH CARE

## Aging population challenges caregivers: Report

Young caregivers are putting the needs of loved ones over their careers — effectively missing out on promotions, according to Anna Mann, executive director of the Alberta Caregivers Association (ACA).

The ACA recently released a report that said working Albertans will soon feel the strain of work and life balance, as the provincial population begins to age and more loved ones require care from their family members.

Currently, 30 per cent of Canadian employees take care of family members while heading to work every day, the report said.

A quarter of the province's caregivers are between the ages of 15 and 45.

"It's a big impact for (young people) in the long-term," Mann said, adding some drop out of university and can't save for retirement because they're too busy.

And young caregivers don't

exactly plan ahead to take care of their parents — things happen unexpectedly, Mann added.

"Older adults understand that they will eventually need to (take care of their parents)," she said.

"Younger people don't really expect this, so they don't think to plan."

What young people — and those who are older — can do is talk with their parents to set up a plan if something happens.

She said caregivers should also have an open conversation about the issue with employers, where they feel safe without risking the loss of their jobs.

Employers also need to be flexible, where they can plan accordingly to honour work agreements with caregivers, the report said, adding public policy should be advanced to create effective workplace solutions.

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An AMA survey said drivers admit to using their phones while at red lights. AARON CHATHA/METRO

# Curbing distracted driver disobedience

## REGULATION

### Rule-breakers prompt plans for additional punishments

**Lucie Edwardson**  
Metro | Calgary

Even though we have all seen the devastation that's caused when drivers aren't paying attention to the road, Staff Sgt. Paul Stacey said it hasn't seemed to deter anyone from disobeying the distracted driving law.

Stacey said officers have dished out distracted driving to people doing pretty strange things while behind the wheel.

"We've written tickets to people who're eating bowls of cereal and that sort of thing while they're driving," he said. "You're obviously not paying attention to the road if you're doing that."

According to Stacey, CPS has

**29%**

Percentage of people polled in Calgary who admitted to texting while driving.

bertans were polled, they found that a third of Albertans admitted to texting while driving.

"When we asked them why, we found that almost half the people said it's because they're stopped in traffic," he said. "There's this idea that because your vehicle isn't moving that you're not part of the flow of traffic."

"People tend to tune out when they get to a red light or a traffic jam or a train crossing," he added.

Rechner said 41 per cent of those polled in Edmonton said they have texted while driving, while only 29 per cent of Calgarians admitted to the same.

Stacey said for those who are driving sporadically and don't admit to distracted driving, there's another ticket — called driving without due care — which can cost a driver \$543.

"You're driving at least in most cases a two-tonne missile down the road, so it would behoove the person who's driving it to pay attention to the road," he said.

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# School a model community

## EDUCATION

## Ingenuity Challenge builds skills, friendships

**Aaron Chattha**  
Metro | Calgary

Of the many uses aluminum foil has, it can now add fos-

tering school spirit to the list.

In an interview, Jeremy Lang, a teacher at Tom Baines Junior High School, explained how a schoolwide building challenge had kids at the school build lasting friendships, across all their grade levels.

Called the Ingenuity Challenge, it took place in September and was tied to Beakerhead's Atomic 13 challenge. Students had materials such

as aluminum foil, fabrics and egg cartons to create whatever their minds could imagine.

One group created a large tinfoil highway leading to a model of their city and school. Lang said it was on display for a week and a half, right outside of a classroom, and it didn't get touched.

"For a school of almost 700, that just speaks to the respect students were showing to other people's work,"

he said.

Lang pointed out that last year, 71 per cent of students at the school felt a high sense of belonging. He said it didn't even matter if groups took part in the challenge.

"Well, that's just as valuable," he explained.

"If they spend an hour and a half just sitting, talking, learning about each other, does it matter if they do the activities?"



Tom Baines Junior High students created this miniature city.  
COURTESY JEREMY LANG

## HALLOWEEN

## Malls offer treats for boys and ghouls

As miniature ghosts and Harry Potters suit up for Halloween, many parents are opting for an earlier trick-or-treating experience, not in the neighbourhood — but at the local malls.

Dana Wheatley, who runs the blog Calgary Playground Review, has rounded up the best mall trick-or-treat events this Halloween.

She said Market Mall will be partnering with the University of Calgary in an event called Spooky Science. Chemists from the university will be showing off fun experiments.

Southcentre Mall will also be running a sensory-friendly Halloween event on Oct. 25. The event is geared to kids with sensory processing difficulties,

including autism, Asperger's, cerebral palsy and ADHD.

She also recommends Calgary Airport, where kids can grab a trick-or-treat bag from the Spaceport.

"My family loves trick-or-treating in our neighbourhood, but one of the great things about living in a city like Calgary is that you have a lot of choice," she said. "(These places are) warmer and less spooky for kids who find new situations stressful, kids who have costumes that require a winter coat over top but really want to show it off and families who have someone with mobility issues."

Wheatley's full list is at [calgaryplaygroundreview.com](http://calgaryplaygroundreview.com).

AARON CHATHA/METRO



Wee ones can trick-or-treat indoors. COURTESY DANA WHEATLEY

## SENTENCING

## Shooter gets 12 years

An Alberta man who shot at an RCMP officer and ran over another with a truck has been sentenced to 12 years behind bars.

Michael Leslie Johnson was originally charged with 36 offences, including four counts of attempted murder.

On Jan. 6, 2014, two Alberta RCMP officers were injured during a standoff in an area

between Vegreville and Tofield, east of Edmonton.

One RCMP member's arm was grazed by a bullet, and was treated and released.

The other had surgery after being run over by a vehicle at the rural property.

With credit for time served, Johnson will spend another nine years and five months in custody. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# READY TO ENGAGE

Metro's daily primer on what the parties are saying about the issues that matter to urban Canadians



Protesters march during a rally held in Vancouver in June of last year to show opposition to the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline. Use of social media, the spread of "citizen journalism" and the involvement of young people are among the key trends highlighted by a federal analysis of protest activity in Canada over the last half-decade. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

## Talking 'climate change lite'



**ROSEMARY  
WESTWOOD**  
Metro

So much for climate change in this election.

No, I get it. We've got a lot going on. There's the stumbling economy, a global refugee crisis, child-care worries, housing problems, growing income inequality and, of course, the niqab.

So what, I guess, that Canadians still rank climate change high on their list of voting priorities?

This could have been the big one. The election where fear over climate change and federal policy finally got into bed together. The election where leaders offered bold visions of the future. A pivot from the oilsands towards something new.

It's only partly our fault. Our elected leaders are also to blame.

But let's start with you, earnest voter who is worried about the health of our environment.

You are all but certainly not voting Conservative.

on climate change and the environment.

Perhaps you're one of the 3.9 per cent of Canadians who did vote Green in 2011. More likely, your vote is destined for the NDP or the Liberals. Of the two, the NDP has the more aggressive emissions-reduction target (actually, the Liberals

have no target whatsoever), but really, let's be honest: whether you vote NDP or Liberal, you'll assume it's a vote for the environment because

both are so dramatically better than the Conservatives on this. It's the equivalent of asking someone out to a fancy dinner, ending up at a burrito joint and saying at least it's not McDonald's.

But like I said, it's only partly your fault. How can you take someone out for a \$50 steak

### 2015 ELECTION COUNTDOWN

**Rosie Westwood reflects on the key issues:**

- **TUES.** Women
- **WED.** Environment
- **THURS.** Canadian values
- **FRI.** Youth engagement

when no one (viable) is selling it?

"It's not like they're making it central to their campaigns," says Matthew Paterson

Paterson, a politics professor at the University of Ottawa

and a fellow at the Broadbent Institute.

A supreme understatement. "I've been completely appalled by the level of discourse in this campaign," says David Boyd, an environmental lawyer, professor and author of the new book *The Optimistic Environmentalist*.

"The world is changing. The dramatic upsurge in renewable energy generation, the huge economic potential of clean tech — these are revolutionary economic shifts that are underway." Our "myopic focus" on fossil fuels, pipelines and coal is bad economic policy, too, he says.

Louise Comeau, executive director of Climate Action Network Canada, the coalition of Canada's leading environmental groups, calls the election "worse than a missed opportunity — almost irresponsible." Continuing to present the economy and environmental protection as at odds is "putting the country at risk of really damaging our economy," she says.

The UN would agree. It backed a report released last month that warned our resource-based economy is

in danger as the other nations strive to reduce their energy consumption.

To absorb the media in the last few years, in particular last year's UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, is to assume climate-change armageddon is one domino away.

And yet, in the midst of this global frenzy over the fate of the Earth, the Canadian federal election campaign comes along, and the main message is about the little picture. Income splitting, taxes on the rich, balanced or unbalanced budgets, niqab, niqab, niqab. Only the Greens are explicitly against pipelines. All other parties are talking climate-change lite.

And perhaps we're only one round of electoral reform away from a campaign in which you wouldn't have to be so afraid to vote Green for fear you'd let the very opposite hold on to power.

But the Greens have been offering heavy environmentalism for years now, and only a fraction of us have been biting. Any politico will tell you: it's the economy, stupid.

So, dear voter, it's us — and it's them. And I'm fairly sick, by now, of hearing that Canadians care about climate change. I'd rather see this country vote like it.

Maybe next time?

### QUICK GUIDE ENVIRONMENT

Here's a breakdown of climate-related promises and legislative measures from the **NDP**, **Liberals**, **Conservatives** and **Greens**.

#### ON CARBON EMISSIONS

##### NDP:

- Pledged to cut emissions by 34% below 1990 levels by 2025 and 80% by 2050
- Would create cap-and-trade to set carbon market price
- Would redirect fossil-fuel subsidies to clean-energy

##### Liberals:

- Would allow provinces to set prices on carbon
- Would consult with provinces to set reduction targets
- Would phase out fossil-fuel-industry subsidies

##### Conservatives:

- Promised to reduce emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030
- Pledged to move to a low-carbon economy by 2050 and eliminate fossil fuels by century's end

##### Greens:

- Would tax carbon emissions, with proceeds going to individual citizens via a "carbon dividend"

#### ON PROPOSED PIPELINES

##### NDP:

- Opposes Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline
- Calls for more rigorous reviews of TransCanada Energy East pipeline
- Opposes TransCanada Keystone XL pipeline

##### Liberals:

- Oppose Northern Gateway
- Support Energy East
- Support Keystone XL

##### Conservatives:

- Approved Northern Gateway
- Support TransCanada Energy East
- Support TransCanada Keystone XL

##### Greens:

- Oppose all pipeline projects but support refining bitumen in Alberta, provided oilsands development is limited to current levels

## LATEST POLL

**LIB 37% CON 31% NDP 24%**

Source: Ipsos Reid/Global

# Ballot selfies are legal no-no

## ELECTION 2015

**Showing your marked vote makes you a mark for fines**

 **Shane Gibson**  
Metro | Winnipeg

Elections Canada wants you to know you are more than welcome to smile while voting — you just can't say cheese.

After 3.6 million Canadians hit the polls for early voting over the long weekend — and as millions more get ready for the big day Oct. 19 — Elections Canada is reminding voters that taking a selfie while casting your ballot is a big no-no.

In fact posting a duck-face selfie with a marked ballot could land you in jail.

"Voting is secret.... You are not supposed to take selfies," said Elections Canada spokeswoman Marie-France Kenny.

"According to Section 489 of the Act ... it's a summary



**Posting while outside the polling station is great. Posting your ballot — like the person on the right did — is a no-no. INSTAGRAM**

conviction offence punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 or a three-month prison term."

While it's not against the rules to take a picture while waiting to vote at the polls, Kenny said it's a big-time offence to openly state who you are voting for while inside the polling station — which, of course, would

 **Voting is secret  
... you are not  
supposed to take  
selfies.**  
Marie-France Kenny

happen if you post a photo of your marked ballot.

Kenny suggests voters play it safe and leave their phones in their pockets until they're outside the polling station.

That's what Kerry Bertoncello-Dale did after voting in Winnipeg over the weekend. The 24-year-old says he posted

a photo of himself next to the yellow Elections Canada sign outside his polling station to remind his friends to vote.

"I did it to raise awareness and to show everybody that I went and voted," said Bertoncello-Dale. "We're in such an electronically charged age, and a lot of people pay attention to

## DEMOCRA-SINS

### Other things you cannot do while voting:

- Use a megaphone: Section 165 of the Elections Act bans anyone from using a "loudspeaking device within hearing distance of a polling station on polling day for the purpose of promoting or opposing a political party."
- Wear party colours: Section 166 (b) of the Act bans wearing "any emblem, flag, banner or other thing that indicates the person supports or opposes any candidate or political party."

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for news. I think when people see people their age voting, they say, 'Maybe I should look into this and vote.'"

If Elections Canada finds out about a photo of a marked ballot, they inform the commissioner of Canada Elections, who can start an investigation.

## Federal election day is Monday

### Are you ready to vote?

If you're a Canadian citizen, 18 or older, you can vote in the federal election.

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If you didn't receive your card, you can still register and vote at your polling place.

To find out where to vote, and what ID to bring, visit [elections.ca](http://elections.ca) or call 1-800-463-6868 (TTY 1-800-361-8935).

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## MEDIA FREEDOM

## Harper 'betrayed' me: Mohamed Fahmy

Freed journalist Mohamed Fahmy lashed out at Prime Minister Stephen Harper on Tuesday, accusing him of washing his hands of his case when intervention with the highest levels of the Egyptian government was most needed.

Speaking at a news conference in Toronto, Fahmy said he initially refused to believe Harper was not bringing his full weight to bear on Egyptian authorities.

"While you here citizens in Canada and around the world clearly understood the urgency of the situation we faced in prison in Egypt, the Harper government did not," Fahmy said.

"Sitting in that prison cell, it was difficult not to feel betrayed and abandoned by Prime Minister Harper."

Instead of taking action to lean on the Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sisi,

si, Fahmy said Harper turned the case over to lower-level members of his government who simply didn't have the power to help.

Fahmy, who finally arrived in Toronto on Sunday after el-Sisi pardoned him, met Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau on Monday evening and NDP Leader Tom Mulcair on Tuesday to talk about issues of media freedom.

Both opposition leaders had

tried to help during his long ordeal and the meetings, he said, were not to be taken as a political endorsement for the Oct. 19 election.

"I'm a journalist; I cannot endorse anyone," he said after meeting Mulcair.

Still, he expressed gratitude to the NDP leader and party for their support.

"You do know who I am not voting for. That's for sure."

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All three major party leaders were in the Greater Toronto Area on Tuesday, as polls suggest swathes of Ontario are up for grabs. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Tories aim for Grits' tax plans

#### ELECTION 2015

### Harper's 'cash on the table' stunt may be for attack ads

Conservative Leader Stephen Harper is literally putting cash on the table in an effort to halt the momentum of Justin Trudeau's Liberals in the closing days of the federal election campaign.

With just five days of campaigning left before Canadians go to the polls next Monday, the Conservatives have twice staged low-tech stunts designed to illustrate how much they say Liberal tax changes will cost voters as Harper attempts to pick apart the Liberal platform.

The prime minister played the role of game show host again Tuesday at a partisan rally in west-end Toronto, calling out Liberal tax increases as a pizza store owner counted bills onto a table to the backdrop of a loudly ringing cash register.

"The tax hikes the Liberals talk about, they are not just numbers

in a pamphlet," said Harper, without jacket or tie and with his blue shirt sleeves rolled up.

"They are real dollars and I want to show you again today what the payroll tax hikes look like."

Conservative party videographers took tight shots as pizza store owner Dino Ari laid bills on a table to repeated "ka-chings" from a cash register.

"Hand it over, Dino," Harper coached. "I hope you counted that carefully."

The Conservatives staged a similar display on the Thanksgiving weekend and the stunt appears destined for party advertising in the final moments of this extraordinary 78-day campaign, the longest in modern Canadian history.

An estimated 1.2 million voters cast ballots in advance polls Monday, according to Elections Canada, bringing the four-day holiday weekend total to more than 3.6 million ballots cast. That's an increase of 71 per cent over advance ballots in the 2011 election, when only three days of advance polls were held.

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#### WHERE THE LEADERS ARE WEDNESDAY

- Stephen Harper will be in Brantford.
- Justin Trudeau will be in Ontario in Hamilton, Welland, St. Catharines and Ajax.
- Tom Mulcair will be in Dartmouth, N.S., and L'Assomption, Que.
- Elizabeth May will be in Vancouver

# Report hints rebels shot down MH17

## COLLATERAL DAMAGE

## Russians deny involvement

The missile shot skyward from war-ravaged eastern Ukraine. With deadly accuracy more than six miles up, it detonated just in front of the Malaysia Airlines jetliner, sending hundreds of jagged steel shards ripping through its aluminum skin at up to 9,000 km/h and shearing the cockpit from the rest of the plane.

The two pilots and purser in the cockpit died instantly, and the Boeing 777 disintegrated and fell to earth, killing the rest of the 298 men, women and children aboard Flight 17 on July 17, 2014. Dutch investigators said Tuesday in a long-awaited report.

Some of the victims may have been conscious for 60 to



**With the reconstructed cockpit displayed behind, Tjibbe Joustra, head of the Dutch Safety Board presents the board's final report into what caused Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 to break up high over Eastern Ukraine last year, killing all 298 people on board.** PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

90 seconds, the Dutch Safety Board said, but they probably were not fully aware of what was happening in the oxygen-starved, freezing chaos. The

15-month Dutch investigation blamed a Soviet-made surface-to-air Buk missile for downing the Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur flight, but it

did not explicitly say who had fired it. It identified an area of 320 square kilometres where it said the launch must have taken place, and all of the land was in the hands of pro-Russian separatists fighting Ukrainian forces at the time of the disaster, according to daily maps of fighting released by the Ukrainian National Security Council.

The Dutch Safety Board also found that the tragedy wouldn't have happened if the airspace of eastern Ukraine had been totally closed to passenger planes as fighting raged below.

Russian officials were prompt to dismiss the Dutch report, with Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov calling it an obvious "attempt to make a biased conclusion, in essence to carry out a political order."

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## AFGHANISTAN

## Taliban pulls out of northern city

The Taliban said Tuesday they are withdrawing from Kunduz, a strategic northern city that briefly fell to the insurgents last month, as an Afghan official said life there is returning to normal.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said in an email to media members that the group's fighters are retreating to avoid further civilian casualties.

Hamdullah Danishi, the acting governor of Kunduz province, said shops and markets in the city had reopened and

residents were venturing out of their homes. He said troops were continuing to search the city, suspecting that some insurgents had remained behind.

"Afghan security forces are in control of the whole city," said Gen. Mohammad Qasim Jungulbagh, provincial police chief of Kunduz.

Taliban insurgents were present on the outskirts of the city, and were mostly holed up in the Chahar Dara district, a longtime stronghold, Jungulbagh said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### IN BRIEF

#### Huge cocaine seizure

Authorities in the French Caribbean island of Martinique say they have seized 535 kilograms of cocaine destined for Europe.

Officials said in a statement Tuesday that the drugs were found aboard a Belgium-flagged boat located more than 740 kilometres from Martinique. They said two unidentified suspects have been arrested.

Authorities have seized more than seven metric tons of drugs so far this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Batteries in checked luggage a fire risk

The government is strongly urging airlines to tell passengers not to pack spare lithium batteries in checked luggage because they can ignite and fuel fires in baggage compartments.

The safety alert issued Tuesday by the Federal Aviation Administration recommends that airlines tell passengers this when they are being ticketed and checking their bags, including those checked at gates. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## U.S. DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY

## Economy, war, guns dominate debate

Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders clashed over U.S. involvement in the Middle East, gun control and economic policy in the first Democratic presidential debate Tuesday, outlining competing visions for a party seeking to keep the White House for a third straight term.

Yet in a moment of political unity — and levity — Sanders leapt to Clinton's defence on the issue of her controversial email practices as secretary of state.

"The American people are sick and tired of hearing about your damn emails," Sanders exclaimed as the crowd in Las Vegas roared with applause. A smiling Clinton reached over to shake his hand and said, "Thank you, Bernie."

While the five candidates on stage took issue with each other, they also repeatedly sounded

traditional Democratic themes — such as fighting income inequality — that are sure to carry over to the general election campaign against the Republicans.

First, the Democrats must choose their own candidate. And throughout most of the two-hour debate Clinton played the role of aggressor, an unexpected shift for a candidate who had barely mentioned her

Democratic rivals since launching her campaign six months ago. Joining Clinton and Sanders on stage in Las Vegas was a trio of low-polling candidates looking for a breakthrough moment: former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley; Jim Webb, a former Navy secretary and U.S. senator from Virginia, and Lincoln Chafee, the Republican-turned independent-turned Democrat from Rhode Island.

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## ISRAEL

## End violence by any means: PM

Israel's prime minister on Tuesday said he would take a series of "aggressive steps" to halt a wave of violence in Israeli cities after two attacks in Jerusalem left three Israelis dead. Three Palestinians, including two attackers, were also killed.

The attacks in Jerusalem, including a deadly shooting and knifing spree on a bus and a violent hacking attack caught on video, escalated the monthlong unrest and raised the pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to take

action. The government has been unable to stop the violence, carried out mostly by young Palestinians unaffiliated with known militant groups and apparently acting on their own.

"Today we will decide on a series of additional aggressive steps in our war against terrorists and inciters," Netanyahu said in a speech to parliament. "We will use, and not hesitate to use, all means at our disposal to restore calm."

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# Former Anglo Irish Bank chief faces charges of fraud, forgery

## COURT

## Drumm could face unlimited prison term

Court documents unsealed Tuesday show that Ireland hopes to prosecute the disgraced former chief executive of Anglo Irish Bank for 33 counts of fraud, forgery and other crimes if he is extradited from Boston to Dublin.

The disclosure, reflecting six years of Irish police and corporate fraud investigations into David Drumm, came days after his arrest in his luxury Massachusetts home and hours ahead of his appearance in a Boston court to face an extradition warrant. If returned to Ireland and convicted of the most serious charges, the warrant said Drumm, 48, could face "an unlimited term of imprisonment."

Anglo was the failed institution at the heart of Ireland's

2008-13 financial crisis. It was the most aggressive lender during Ireland's decade-long construction boom, gambling borrowed tens of billions on continued runaway growth in property values at home and abroad. When the 2008 global credit crunch exposed Anglo's fragile finances, the Irish government introduced a state-backed guarantee on Anglo debts in a failed bid to reassure investors.

By early 2009, the government nationalized Anglo and its toxic property portfolio at an ultimate estimated cost to Irish taxpayers of 43.4 billion dollars — a bill so large it overwhelmed Ireland's ability to finance itself and led to a humiliating 2010 bailout. Ireland dissolved Anglo in 2011 and still is trying to sell many of the half-built property assets funded by the bank.

Drumm and his wife fled to the United States in 2009, bought a 4,000-square-foot,



**U.S. marshals arrested David Drumm, former chief executive of Anglo Irish Bank, on Oct. 10 in Massachusetts on an extradition warrant, according to the U.S. Attorney's office in the state.** PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

\$2-million home in the upscale Boston suburb of Wellesley, then filed for U.S. bankruptcy protection in a bid to avoid re-

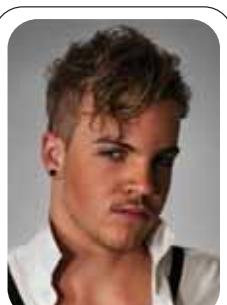
paying 12.6 million dollars in Anglo personal loans. Drumm argued the home was his wife's, not his.

In January, a Boston judge, Frank Bailey, rejected Drumm's bankruptcy case in scathing terms, citing the banker's ef-

orts to conceal millions in assets and testimony riddled with what he called "outright lies." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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## AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

## Hunter eats ants to survive

A 62-year-old recreational hunter lost in a hot and arid region of the Australian Outback survived without water for six days by eating ants, police said Tuesday.

Reg Foggerdy left a car driven by his brother late Wednesday in pursuit of a camel in the Great Victoria Desert in Western Australia state, Police Superintendent Andy Greatwood said.

After his brother alerted authorities, police trackers found the former miner sitting under

a tree on Tuesday morning 15 kilometres from where he became lost.

"He just spent the last two days under a tree eating black ants and that sustained him," Greatwood said. "When we found him, he was extremely dehydrated, disoriented and basically delusional."

A paramedic immediately gave Foggerdy intravenous fluid and he recovered quickly.

"The good news is he was sitting up and talking," Greatwood said.

Foggerdy was airlifted by the Royal Flying Doctor Service to the Kalgoorlie Hospital. He was admitted in stable condition, hospital spokesman Peter Cogan said.

The brothers had been driving back to their camp 170 kilometres east of the nearest town, Laverton, after a day's hunting when Foggerdy went missing, wearing only a T-shirt, shorts, a cap and flip flops. Temperatures reached up to 37 degrees Celsius, Greatwood said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## Library gets Kevorkian's papers

A University of Michigan library announced Tuesday that it has acquired the papers of Dr. Jack Kevorkian and is making them publicly available as part of an effort to help people better understand the assisted-suicide advocate and his role in the right-to-die debate.

The Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor said Ava Janus, Kevorkian's niece and sole heir, donated the collection, which spans from 1911 to 2014. It includes correspondence and manuscript drafts as well as files on assisted

suicides, including medical histories, photographs, video and audio.

"Long before Jack Kevorkian was known as 'Dr. Death,' he was a child of Armenian immigrants, a successful student, a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, a musician, composer and scientist," Terrence McDonald, the library's director, said in a statement. "The release of his papers will allow scholars and students to understand the context of and driving forces in an interesting and provocative

life."

Kevorkian died in 2011 in suburban Detroit at age 83. He sparked the national right-to-die debate with a homemade suicide machine that helped end the lives of about 130 ailing people, using the term "medicide" to describe physician-assisted suicide.

Kevorkian was convicted of second-degree murder in 1999 for assisting in the 1998 death of a Michigan man with Lou Gehrig's disease. He was released from prison in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ValFajr torpedoes lie in an undisclosed location. Iran's state TV said the country has successfully test-fired the advanced torpedo system. IRANIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## Missile test was a violation: U.S.

IRAN

### Weapons trial not related to historic nuclear deal

There are "strong indications" that Iran violated UN Security Council resolutions related to ballistic missiles when it test fired a new missile, the White House said Tuesday.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said that when it comes to Iran's ballistic missile program, "unfortunately, that's not new."

"We have seen Iran almost serially violate the international

community's concerns about their ballistic missile program," Earnest said.

He stressed, however, that those violations are "entirely separate" from the historic nuclear deal reached between Iran and world powers.

"In contrast to the repeated violations of the UN Security Council resolution that pertains to their ballistic missile activities, we've seen that Iran over the last couple of years has demonstrated a track record of abiding by the commitments that they made in the context of the nuclear talks," Earnest said.

At the State Department, spokesman Mark Toner added that the U.S. intended to raise

the incident at the UN, "and then we'll continue to do this for any and all Iranian violations of UN Security Council resolutions." He called the missile test "deeply concerning."

Iranian state TV reported on Sunday that the Iranians successfully test fired a new guided long-range ballistic surface-to-surface missile.

It was the first such test since Iran and world powers agreed to the nuclear deal. The agreement called on Iran not to undertake any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons.

Iran says none of its missiles is designed for that purpose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JASON REZAIAN

### Journalist's brother seeks action

The brother of Jason Rezaian, The Washington Post journalist detained in Iran and convicted in secret, described his brother's imprisonment as "cruel and inhumane" Tuesday and called on the U.S. government to take "any appropriate actions" to win his freedom.

Ali Rezaian said in an interview in Washington that the charges were "trumped up" and there was no evidence that his brother tried to access security information.

Iran's judiciary spokesman confirmed the verdict on state TV Sunday, saying the ruling is eligible for appeal within 20 days, but gave no indication of

what punishment the 39-year-old Iranian-American journalist could face. Rezaian has been detained in Iran for 14 months on charges including espionage. He reportedly faces up to 20 years in prison.

Ali Rezaian said there was no reason for his brother to be in prison, and that the family has received no information about the verdict.

"I would call it unjust, I would call it cruel and inhumane, I would say Jason's lost 14 months of his life, half of his marriage, to being held without any evidence on charges that are completely trumped up," Rezaian said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jason Rezaian, the Post's Tehran bureau chief since 2012, grew up in Marin County, California, and spent most of his life in the U.S. He holds both American and Iranian citizenship. He was detained with his wife, also a journalist, and two photojournalists on July 22, 2014. All were later released except Rezaian.

His incarceration and trial played out against the backdrop of negotiations between Iran and five world powers, including the U.S., that resulted in an agreement for Iran to curb its nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief.

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# Twitter loses characters

**EMPLOYMENT**

## Purge marks company's first mass layoffs in 9-year history

Twitter is laying off up to 336 employees, signalling CEO Jack Dorsey's resolve to slash costs while the company struggles to make money.

The cutbacks announced Tuesday could equate to about eight per cent of Twitter's workforce of 4,100 people.

The purge comes two weeks after Twitter brought back one of its co-founders as permanent CEO in hopes that Dorsey would be able to resolve problems that have slowed user growth at the messaging service and compounded an uninterrupted cycle of financial losses.

Cutting costs can boost profits, but at Twitter, it has also raised uncertainty about the future, the company's pursuit of faster growth and its ability to attract a larger audience.

The layoffs may be a sign of desperation at a sinking company, said Edison Investment Research analyst Richard Windsor.

"It is important to run a tight ship, but simply cutting jobs is often the action of a company that does not know what else to do," Windsor said.

Dorsey told Twitter employ-



**Downsizing signals Twitter's push to slash costs as it tries to make money.** THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ees in a Tuesday letter that a more streamlined company will result in more products rolling out more quickly. "We feel strongly that engineering will move much faster with a smaller and nimbler team," Dorsey wrote.

Twitter's workforce has nearly doubled over the past two years, hindering efforts to turn a profit for the first time in its nine-year history. Since Dorsey and his partners started the

**Cutting jobs is often the action of a company that does not know what else to do.**

Richard Windsor

service, Twitter has lost nearly \$2 billion US. Dorsey has acknowledged

that Twitter is too confusing for many people to use, turning off new users at a time when other social services such as Snapchat and Facebook's WhatsApp have grown in popularity.

As part of its revival plan, Twitter last week unveiled a new feature called Moments that packages commentary, video and photos about major events that have captured people's attention. The work on Moments began while Dorsey's

predecessor, Dick Costolo, was still Twitter's CEO.

After returning as CEO, Dorsey promised to make Twitter even more accessible to the masses by next year. Jettisoning jobs will give Twitter more financial leeway while it designs new tools.

Retrenching will cost Twitter \$10 million to \$20 million, mostly to pay for employee severance packages.

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**COMPUTERS**

## Apple unveils upgraded iMacs

Apple is adding Retina displays to its iMacs, which will enhance the text and the image quality of photos and videos.

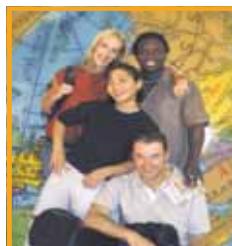
The California-based company said its 21.5-inch iMac will have a Retina 4K display, while every 27-inch iMac will have a Retina 5K display. The 21-inch

iMac, which starts at \$1,099 US, and 27-inch iMac, which starts at \$1,799 US, are available in three models and come standard with a new Magic Keyboard and Magic Mouse 2.

Apple redesigned Magic devices including the Magic keyboard, Magic Mouse 2 and

Magic Trackpad 2. The new trackpad marks the first time Apple has made its Force Touch Trackpad feature available for a desktop. Force Touch allows users access to several shortcuts by touching the trackpad in different ways.

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The world's top two beer makers agreed Tuesday to join forces to create a company that would control nearly a third of the global market and bring together leading U.S. brands Budweiser and Miller Genuine Draft. After turning down five offers, U.K.-based brewer SABMiller accepted in principle an improved takeover bid worth \$106 billion US from Anheuser Busch InBev, which along with Budweiser makes Corona, Stella Artois and Beck's.

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**Starbucks starts delivery service for office workers**

Starbucks is offering delivery within the Empire State Building, giving office workers in the New York City skyscraper the option of paying a \$2 US fee to avoid making a trip to the lobby. The chain says the service is in line with its push to make its offerings increasingly convenient. That includes its recent rollout of mobile ordering, which lets people place orders ahead of time so their food and drinks are waiting for them when they arrive at their store.

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**Born this way:** A large California study of identical twins has found genetic modifiers that accurately predict sexual orientation — spurring worries over misguided "cures" and "tests" for gayness.

## URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE



### THE QUESTION

**I am hosting a birthday dinner this weekend and invited a bunch of different people, including some with extreme views. How can I stop them from arguing about the election and spoiling supper?**

Dear Ellen,  
I am hosting a birthday dinner this weekend for a friend who has invited a bunch of different people, including some with extreme political views. How do I stop them from arguing about the election and spoiling the whole dinner party?

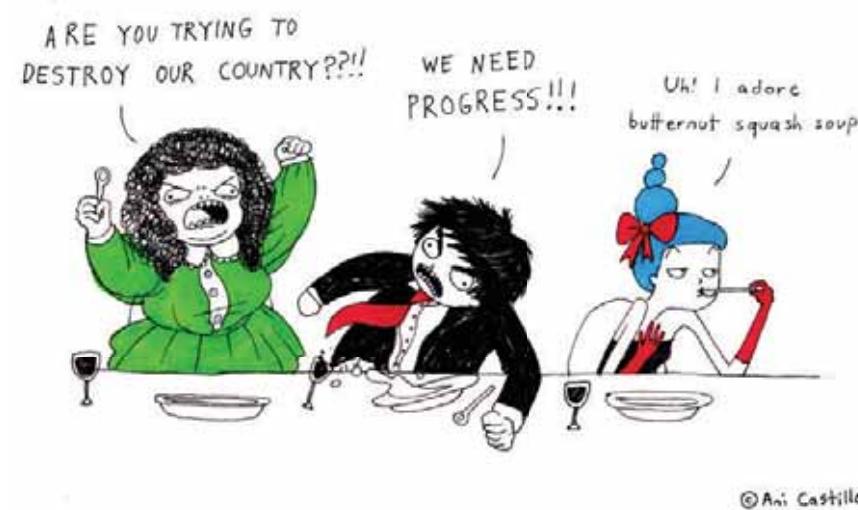
Sine, Winnipeg

Dear Sine,

Isn't it funny how people we disagree with have extreme political views, while we invariably see our own political prejudices as firmly held beliefs?

See? I don't even know whether you and I will vote the same way on Monday, and I'm already provoking an argument. Perhaps it's due to years of consorting with loudmouthed journalists, but I rather enjoy lively debate anywhere, including at the dinner table.

Admittedly, my journalist friends tend to see political arguments more as a blood sport than the expression of firmly held beliefs. But this lack of any heartfelt conviction on their part is what makes them so entertaining. They delight in bashing each other with well-researched facts and clever quips without getting emotionally invested,



providing pure entertainment for the rest of us.

If you're lucky enough to have friends like these, I suggest you sit back and enjoy the spectacle, stepping in only occasionally, like the Speaker of the House, to restore order when things get too raucous.

If, however, your friends are normal human beings who tend to get emotionally invested in things like the outcome of the election and the future of our nation, you are absolutely right to fear that your dinner party will be spoiled. Outside of couples counselling, where histrionic behaviour is a privilege that's paid for, violently emotional arguments are indecorous to say the least.

There is nothing more boring than passionate blowhards yelling at each other, everyone refusing to change their minds or listen to other points of view, while expecting their own points of view to be heard and other minds to change.

**If you wanted to spend the evening with like-minded individuals indulging in a self-righteous orgy of shared beliefs, you'd skip the dinner party and go straight to your Close Friends on Facebook.**

Or, wait, maybe there is something more boring: like when a bunch of passionate blowhards all agree with each other and spend the entire dinner trashing the same tired political targets.

Seriously, if you wanted to spend the evening with like-minded individuals indulging in a self-righteous orgy of shared beliefs, you'd skip the trouble of a dinner party and go straight to your Close Friends on Facebook.

My advice is to avoid either of these boring-blowhard outcomes by choosing one of the following options:

The first is to ban political discussion altogether. Your house, your rules. It may seem peremptory but it's actually polite: you are taking your friends' enjoyment into consideration by ensuring that dinner party's raison d'être — the conversation — doesn't devolve into an overwrought colloquy of firmly held and sanctimoniously expressed "beliefs."

And if you can manage that level of misdirection and talking-point discipline, then maybe it's time to run for office yourself.

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## metroview

### An expensive, never-ending episode of What Not to Wear



**Diane Baker Mason**  
For Metro

When I was in Grade 8 — back when the earth was cooling — the girls at our public school staged a revolution against the board of education's dress code. It forbade us from wearing pants, even when it was freezing cold, even though lots of us hated dresses, even though dresses restricted us (just try to slide into third wearing a dress and not show your underwear).

The school board made strained arguments: girls and women wearing pants were immodest, unattractive, even unhealthy. But times were changing — this was 1970, after all! — and the girls made a huge fuss. Before long, an announcement was made. We could wear pants. Finally, we were free.

Perhaps that's why, in my own middle-aged, middle-class, secular white-woman cultural bubble, I dislike the idea of niqabs and burkas. They seem an affront to freedom. I, personally, cannot imagine choosing to wear one, and I feel a frisson of horror at the idea of being forced to do so. Perhaps I can justify this by observing that there are regimes in this world that restrict women's freedoms by legislating that they veil completely. But I remind myself that this is Canada. Canadian law does not require women to veil. It also does not require

them to take their veils off.

Despite this, our government has waged a legal war on a woman named Zunera Ishaq, using a quarter-million dollars of taxpayers' money. It pursued her through the courts, trying to force her to remove her veil when she took her oath of citizenship, arguing her covered face was "disrespectful" — as weak an argument as the ones the school board made. The courts rejected it. Even so, the government won't give up. It's taking it to the Supreme Court.

That court has interpreted the Charter of Rights and Freedoms to require that reasonable accommodation be made for Canadians' religious and cultural garb. No law that violates someone's rights (as does the provision in the Citizenship Act that requires a woman to unveil in public) is allowed to stand. Instead, she is allowed to remove her veil in private. Harper knows this, but he continues to pursue Ishaq, knowing that to many ignorant and fearful voters, he appears to be protecting national security.

In fact, the Charter protects Ishaq — from her own government's imposition of an unfair law. Veiled women are entitled to the protection of the Charter. Just like us schoolgirls, they are allowed to wear what they want.

Because, after all, it's a free country.

**Diane Baker Mason** is a Toronto-based novelist, writer and retired lawyer.

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Hugh Hefner and actress Barbara Benton arriving at Le Bourget airport with the Playboy jet Big Bunny in 1970. The magazine that helped usher in the sexual revolution by bringing nudity into America's living rooms – or at least its sock drawers – announced this week that it will no longer run photos of completely naked women. STRINGER/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

WAGE GAP

## Oscar-winning and afraid to negotiate

Jennifer Lawrence says she blamed herself for failing as a negotiator when she learned from the leaked Sony emails that her male co-stars were paid more for *American Hustle*.

The Oscar-winning actress wrote in an essay for the online newsletter Lenny on Tuesday that she didn't want to fight for millions of dollars, partly because she didn't need the money and partly because she didn't want to come across as "difficult" or "spoiled."

In the thoughtful essay, Lawrence wonders if she's wasted

her time trying to be likable while her male counterparts are commended for being fierce.

She ultimately concludes that she's "over" finding adorable ways to state her opinion.

Lenny is a recently launched weekly newsletter from Lena Dunham and her Girls executive producer Jenni Konner.

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**QUOTE**  
*"I would be lying if I didn't say there was an element of wanting to be liked that influenced my decision to close the deal without a real fight. I didn't want to seem 'difficult' or 'spoiled.'"*



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## A look back at the non-nudes

MAKING HISTORY

### Feminism, murder, politics: A retrospective

Seeing its circulation plunge thanks to high-definition porn, Playboy will soon be covering up its Playmates. But history remembers the skin mag for much more than photos of naked women. A look at significant events in its six-decade history:



1 **A Bunny's Tale**

In this 1963 exposé, Gloria Steinem described her time as an undercover bunny waitress. The feminist icon wrote of long, often dull hours.

2 **'Adultery in my heart'**

Jimmy Carter stirred things up in 1976 when as a presidential candidate, he told Playboy he had "committed adultery in my heart many times," while quoting from the Bible to say that "anyone who looks on a woman with lust has in his heart already committed adultery."

3 **Star 80**

Dorothy Stratten of Vancouver was named Playmate of the Year in 1980 and murdered by her estranged husband shortly after. Her life and death were the topic for the 1983 film *Star 80*, starring Mariel Hemingway and Eric Roberts.

4 **AIDS activist**

In 1994, former model Rebekka Lynn Armstrong of California an-

nounced that she had tested positive for HIV in 1989. Armstrong, who appeared in the magazine's September 1986 issue, became an HIV/AIDS activist and safer sex educator.

5 **Big nyet**

The Russian Academy of Sciences sued Playboy's Russian edition in 1996 for featuring nude and semi-nude portraits of famous Russian women including Catherine the Great.

6 **Spousal abuse 'advice'**

The Romanian edition of Playboy ran an article in 2000 called, *How to Beat Your Wife Without Leaving Traces*. When called on the carpet by Christie Hefner, Playboy Enterprises' chairman and CEO, the magazine's Romanian deputy editor-in-chief said it was just an April Fools' joke.

7 **Literary coup**

Playboy won first serial rights to a novel that writer Vladimir Nabokov wanted burned. Instead of destroying *The Original of Laura*, Nabokov's only surviving heir decided to publish it and Playboy scooped up the rights in 2009.

8 **Get Bart out of the room!**

In an effort to attract readers in their 20s, Playboy's editors put cartoon character Marge Simpson on the cover of the November 2009 issue. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

### GOSSIP BRIEFS

#### Harry Styles goes full monty on a Segway

According to the boys in 5 Seconds of Summer, touring with One Direction can be more than a little revealing. Band member Ashton Irwin tells Alan Carr during an interview that backstage at one tour stop, Harry Styles stunned the band by zipping around completely naked on a Segway. "It was just once. I



saw full-on ball-sack," Irwin says before Michael Clifford adds, "The worst part was that Luke [Hemming's] mom was standing right there, and he comes in on the Segway, just butt naked, sees Luke's mom and turns around."

Irwin added: "It was like his first time on a Segway, too, so it was kind of awkward turning around and trying to hide things at the same time." NED EHRBAR/ METRO HOLLYWOOD

# Inside the mystique of Trader Joe's

## BOUTIQUE GROCERIES

### Scoping out the secretive chain's Buffalo outpost

Trader Joe's has its fans, its cultists and its detractors.

So what exactly is it about this boutique grocery chain that inspires such passion?

Is it the fact that this tiki-themed, culinary cruise ship is staffed by cheerful crew, merchants, mates and captains? Or how about the way that TJ's notorious secrecy plays so well in this age of TMI?

How many people know that Trader Joe's, despite being headquartered in California, has been privately owned by Germany's Albrecht family since 1979?

Probably not as many as can decipher those ringing bells, heard on a recent "investigative" trip to the store in Buffalo, NY. One bell is a call to open a cash register, two means there's a question at the checkout, and three is a request for a manager.

"We wear Hawaiian shirts because we're traders on the culinary seas, searching the world over for cool items to bring home to our customers," the company's website says, of its distinct theme. "And when we return home, we think grocery shopping should be fun, not another chore. So just relax and leave your worries at the door. We'll sail those seven seas, you have some fun with our finds at your neighbourhood Trader Joe's."

Trader Joe's is smaller than you'd imagine, making it a pleasure to navigate. The crew members don't have much insight into Canadian customers, but eagerly tout their favourite products.

The company shuns social media and lets fans run @traderjoeslist on Twitter.

Last year, the chain of 400-plus stores dropped plans to open in an African-American neighbourhood in Portland after activists voiced fears that gentrification would price the black community out of the area.

The company touts high standards for its private label — no artificial flavours or preservatives, genetically modified ingredients or synthetic colours, et cetera — but won't reveal who its vendors are so customers can't verify these claims.

Beth Kowitt, writing in *Fortune* in 2010 about the "secret world" of Trader Joe's, declares the chain "an offbeat, fun discovery zone that elevates food shopping from a chore to a cultural experience."

It stocks its shelves, she writes, "with a winning combination of low-cost, yuppie-friendly sta-

**NICHE MARKET**  
Trader Joe's stores have much less choice — apparently 4,000 products instead of 50,000 for a typical American supermarket.



Grocery chain Trader Joe's is instantly recognizable once inside. Quirky and witty signs are spread throughout the store, enticing customers. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



### WORTH CROSSING THE BORDER FOR

After taste-testing \$150 worth of goods, here are the five Trader Joe's products we will buy again.

#### 1 Giant Peruvian Inca corn (\$1.79)

Sometimes you just need to crunch. These Peruvian white corn kernels (supposedly five times the size of their North American counterparts) are toasted, salted and pleasing beyond belief. Caveat: The same thing can be found at Loblaws under a different brand.



#### 2 Crunchy, salted peanut butter with flax and chia seeds (\$2.99)

Who would have guessed that flax and chia make for a scrumptious (and nutritious) threesome with peanut butter? The flax is from Saskatchewan, BTW. Support Canadian farmers.



#### 3 Ghost chili grinder (\$4.99)

Dried, smoked ghost chilies (a.k.a. bhut jolokia, the world's third hottest pepper) come in a cute spice jar with a built-in grinder. Perfect host/hostess gift.



#### 4 Quinoa and black bean-infused tortilla chips (\$2.99)

Tortillas are usually a vehicle for salsa for me, but these combine stone-ground white corn, red quinoa and black beans into something that speaks to me and are best eaten without adornment.



#### 5 Sea salt and turbinado sugar dark chocolate almonds (\$3.99)

Four food groups (salt, sugar, chocolate, nuts) unite in bite-sized flavour explosions. Hoarding alert: These are too good to share.



ples ... and exotic, affordable luxuries."

Toronto immigration attorney Mackenzie Houck, a transplanted American, lived off TJ's frozen bean and rice burritos during law school.

She adores peanut butter-filled

salted pretzels, veggie and flaxseed tortilla chips, natural turkey jerky, fireworks chocolate bars, eggplant hummus, dry and unsalted almonds, Wasabi Wow trail mix and multivitamins (huh?).

Houck doesn't drive, so her "TJs pipeline" includes care packages from her mom, gifts from visiting friends and whatever she can stuff in her carry-on bag when she travels.

"When someone is heading to/through Buffalo, they'll ask the other Americans for any items they need," adds Houck. "It's also nearly mandatory to share the booty upon return."

Will a Canada TJ's ever happen?

"One can only dream," says Houck.

So far, the company's only foray into Canada has been a legal tussle.

In 2013, the company lost its legal battle with Pirate Joe's, a small Vancouver retailer that declares itself an "unauthorized, unaffiliated, unafraid" reseller of Trader Joe's products.

Pirate Joe's owner Michael Hallatt buys retail in America, imports legally and adds proper Canadian labels. Good on him.

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# The sweet side of figs

## RECIPE

**This versatile fruit can make a simple snack or fancy fare**

Rob Gentile, chef-owner of a trio of Buca restaurants in Toronto, says eating a voluptuous fig straight from the tree is an incredible experience.

"You should eat it sitting down," Gentile says, "and reflect on how good it is."

While finding a truly delicious fig in Canada can be frustrating, that doesn't stop him from cooking with them. He poaches the fresh fruit in sugar syrup with grappa and espresso for his brunch menus, and insists that figs, pork blood and chocolate, a regional Italian specialty, make a "heavenly" combination.

But don't think figs need to be complicated. A simple snack like a bagel or slice of toast smeared with cream cheese and topped with mashed fig halves is easy and delicious.

## California Fig Pizza

Adapted from the California Fig Advisory Board.

### Caramelized shallots:

- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) butter
- 5 shallots, peeled and sliced thin
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) molasses
- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) sherry or balsamic vinegar
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

### Pizza

- 400 g fresh pizza dough, at room temperature, cut in half
- 4 fresh figs, sliced 1/4 inch (.5 cm) thick
- 1 Tbsp (15 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
- 2 oz (60 g) goat cheese, crumbled
- 2 Tbsp (30 mL) grated or shaved Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese
- 4 thin slices Prosciutto di Parma, cut in strips
- Garnish: arugula sprigs

1. For caramelized shallots, melt butter in large saucepan and cook 5 to 10 min-

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**The value of the figs (4,423 tons) Canadians imported from California in 2014, according to the California Fig Advisory Board.**

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utes or until soft and golden brown. Stir in molasses and vinegar; season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, until liquid is absorbed. Set aside.

2. Place pizza stone or heavy baking sheet in oven and preheat to 500F (260C).

3. Place half the dough on a 12x12-inch (30x20 cm) piece of parchment paper. Roll into a 9-inch (23 cm) circle with lightly floured rolling pin. Brush with half the olive oil and spread half the caramelized shallots over all, leaving a 1/2-inch (1 cm) border.

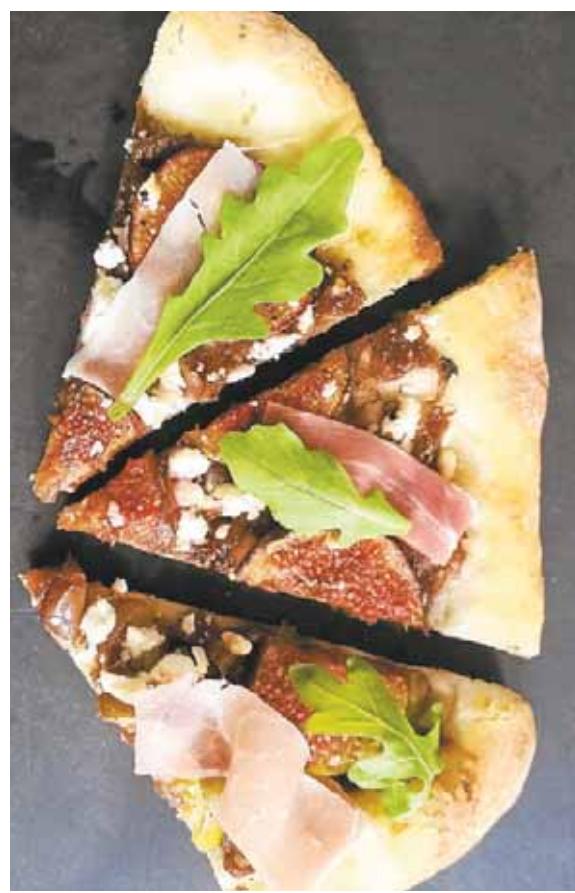
4. Arrange slices from two figs 1/2-inch (1 cm) apart over shallots and season lightly with salt and pepper.

Sprinkle half the goat cheese and 1 Tbsp (15 mL) Parmigiano evenly over all. Transfer sheet with pizza to preheated pan and bake 10 to 15 minutes or until cheese and edge of crust are lightly browned.

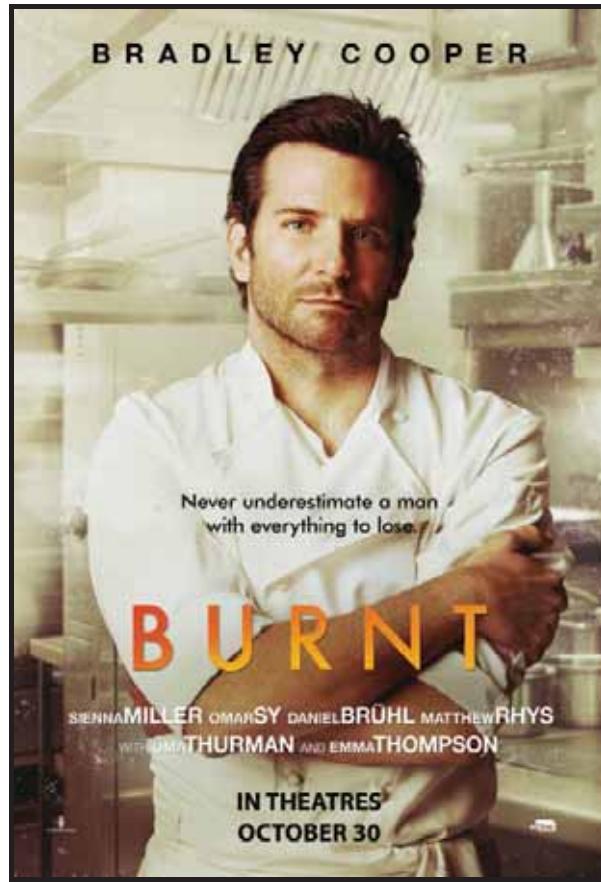
5. Repeat with second pizza or bake both at the same time. Transfer to cutting board, cool slightly then cut in wedges. Garnish with sliced prosciutto and arugula.

Serve warm or at room temperature. Makes two nine-inch pizzas.

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**This California Fig Pizza features caramelized shallots and Prosciutto di Parma.** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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## NEW FOODS

## Sustainable, tasty gooseneck barnacles

**Theresa Albert**  
For Metro Canada

"Sustainable" has become the sweetest word on every foodie's lips. It is today's conundrum to choose foods that are affordable, delicious and good for both you and the planet.

Ocean Wise is a program established by the Vancouver Aquarium that is one of 18 organizations working together across North America to help save our oceans but keep us eating delicious fish. They estimate that 90 per cent of the world's predatory fish are gone already. This is why they certify fisheries and keep up-to-date suggestions on which fish to enjoy.

One of the newest species on the recommended list is the gooseneck barnacles that you may be seeing on restaurant menus this season. A delicacy in Spain and Portugal, where they are called percebes, the shell is inedible but the protruding foot has a calamari feel, which tastes somewhat briny.

Given the cost — ranging from \$16 to \$30 for an appetizer or \$20/lb. to buy them from the fishery — they are usually the fare of higher-end restaurants.



**Gooseneck barnacles have a calamari feel and taste somewhat briny.** THERESA ALBERT

Typically, they're served as one or two in a dish that will take on the accompanying flavours, much like mussels in garlic broth. This unfortunate-looking tiny shellfish is harvested by hand by the Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations fishery in B.C. The barnacles have a short shelf life, so fishermen do not harvest them until they receive an order.

Consuming barnacles, which are lower on the food chain, is more Earth friendly than consuming increasingly rare predatory fish.

But you don't have to go all the way to barnacles — maybe sardines instead of salmon is a more simple switch.

LIQUID ASSETS

**Apple gets boozy this fall**

If you'd asked me a year or so ago if grapes were in danger of not being the highest ranking pieces of fruit to produce alcoholic beverages, I would have choked on my Cabernet Sauvignon.

While grapes still rule when it comes to wine production, in today's booze market the apple is making a solid run for the second-most popular flavouring agent.

At the core of the apple's popularity is the rise of cider. Once considered the tipple of the lower gentry, cider has now found mass appreciation across Canada thanks to local artisan producers getting crafty with their creations.

Both beer and spirit makers are seeing dollar signs growing in the orchards, and the Crown Royal Apple Whisky (\$26.49-\$31.99) takes the classic CR recipe and infuses it with the candied-sweet flavour of Regal Gala apples.

The fruit dominates through to the last drop, making it a smooth and easy-drinking fall season sipper.

PETER ROCKWELL/  
METRO





## New CX-5 stays on good track



### THE CHECKLIST | 2016 MAZDA CX-5

#### THE BASICS

**Type.** Four-door, five-passenger compact SUV  
**Engine (hp/torque).** 2.0-litre I4 (155/150); 2.5-litre I4 (184/185)

**Transmissions.** 6-speed manual (2.0 only); 6-speed automatic

**Price.** Base \$22,995, as-tested \$37,295 (plus destination)

#### COOL FEATURES

- 40/20/40-split flat-folding rear seat
- Blind-spot monitoring
- Wide-angle rearview camera
- Automatic headlight leveling system
- Joystick controller for infotainment screen
- Forward collision alert with low-speed braking
- Lane departure warning system



JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

#### POINTS

- In addition to minor styling changes and interior improvements, new standard and optional features have been added to all of the trim lines.
- Voice recognition on the navigation system accepts an entire address, rather than saying each line at a time.
- The optional adaptive cruise control keeps a pre-set distance from the vehicle ahead, but it tends to be jerkier than systems from most other manufacturers.

#### MARKET POSITION

The CX-5 is now the middle child in Mazda's SUV lineup, between the smaller CX-3 and three-row CX-9. It was introduced in 2013, replacing the slightly larger CX-7 that bowed out after the 2012 model year.

#### THE COMPETITION



**Ford Escape**  
Base price: \$23,899



**Honda CR-V**  
Base price: \$25,990



**Hyundai Tucson**  
Base price: \$24,399

#### REVIEW

### Mazda makes minor tweaks to an already decent ride

**Jil McIntosh**  
For Metro Canada

Few things tick me off more than change for the sake of change. I'm tired of having to track down a grocery item because the package is different, or seeing that my running shoe has been discontinued because its design was more than a year old.

So I was pleased to discover that when Mazda updated its CX-5 for 2016, it only made some minor tweaks to a vehicle that was already a very decent driver.

The grille changes slightly on all models, while my top-line GT gets LED accent lighting and new wheels. The rear seats are more supportive, there's an electric parking brake in place of a lever, and a new infotainment system sits in the dash, controlled by a joystick in the centre console rather than buttons alongside the screen.

The GT also receives naviga-

tion as standard equipment.

Two engines are available, starting with a 2.0-litre four-cylinder in the base GX. That trim is front-wheel drive only, and offers a stick shift or automatic. The GS and GT trims use a 2.5-litre four-cylinder with a six-speed automatic. The GS can be ordered in front- or all-wheel drive, while the GT is AWD only.

The CX-5 shares both its platform and that 2.5-litre engine with the Mazda6. Like that sedan, the CX-5 accelerates briskly and handles beautifully, with far sportier performance than you'd expect from an SUV.

My GT tester was optioned with a Technology Package, which adds such items as adaptive cruise control, automatic high-beam headlights, forward collision warning with braking, and a lane departure system that blares a rumble-strip sound out of the stereo speaker if you drift out of your lane. The package also adds satellite radio, though I thought that should have been bundled with the premium stereo that's part of the GT's equipment list.

But be warned: If you opt for this top-line trim, it can be as much as \$1,000 more than similarly-equipped rivals. Be sure to check out all the trim levels and features if this Mazda is on your radar.

**The CX-5 accelerates briskly and handles beautifully, with far sportier performance than you'd expect from an SUV.**

## Honda's latest rides

Only weeks from the Tokyo Motor Show, Honda has unveiled a number of attractive new concept motorcycles that include a light and sporty two-wheel and a spectacular three-wheel. **AFP**



**The Light Weight Super Sports Concept**

This bike has been introduced as the prototype for the brand's future generation of sporty motorbikes with an aggressive esthetic and feather-light weight. However, there's no indication yet from Honda on the engine type or performance.



**The EV-Cub Concept**

This small electric scooter is made to look decidedly retro, in line with the spirit of the brand's older productions. The battery has been placed as far down as possible in order to lower the scooter's centre of gravity, guaranteeing the best balance possible.



**The Neowing**

The futuristic three-wheeler should provoke the same on-the-road sensations as a powerful motorcycle in sharp turns, all while remaining extremely stable at low speeds. The hybrid scooter will be equipped with a four-cylinder engine paired with an electric motor.

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## Suzuki to Deck the halls

One of Suzuki's four planned concept car reveals at this year's Tokyo Motor Show is the intriguingly entitled Mighty Deck. Described as a new take on the minicar that offers similarly new kinds of enjoyment and utility, the Mighty Deck is a cross between a sub-compact inner-city car and a pickup truck.

With moulded wrap-around bumpers, stone chip protection, a raised driving position

and a canvas folding roof, the car should be just as much fun at or on the beach as it is essential in a supermarket carpark.

The prototype is aimed at showing fans where Suzuki, which started making cars in 1920, is taking its brand as it moves into its second century in business.

The 44th Tokyo Motor Show runs from Oct. 30 to Nov. 8.

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The Mighty Deck concept. SUZUKI

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## Time to reclaim the horn for more genteel, useful purposes

**Mike Goetz**  
For Metro Canada



Last week when a car abruptly turned into my lane I laid on the horn so hard and so fast I almost sprained my wrist.

But it worked. He swung back into his lane. No sheet metal was harmed. My sphincter muscles relaxed.

And the best thing? I didn't feel guilty about using the horn. Usually I do.

Even when I'm completely justified for honking in a non-emergency situation — like enlightening an absentminded driver in front of me that the traffic light

is no longer red but green — it can sometimes feel like the honking is too strong, like I'm super mad, when I'm just really just trying being helpful, and only medium mad.

Not 100 per cent sure, but it seems we motorists have been gradually skewing horn use towards its confrontational side.

Get out my way! You bleeding idiot! That kind of thing.

As such, it feels like that side of honking has become the de facto usage for it, and makes some people not reach for it, in circumstances when honking could actually con-

tribute to traffic flow, safety and civility.

Maybe we need to re-claim the horn for the more genteel and useful purposes it can also provide. In that light, I did some research into the matter and can offer this (incomplete list) of Acceptable and Non-Acceptable situations for using your horn, or honking. But remember, every situation is ultimately unique, so don't use this list as the last word on the matter. Personal judgment is always necessary in honking.

• **Acceptable** — If you see someone holding up a sign that reads: "Honk if you like lasagna."

• **Unacceptable** — If you see someone holding up a sign that reads: "Honk if you like cholera."

• **Acceptable** — To warn a pedestrian walking in your direction on a narrow road shoulder that you are approaching them.



• **Unacceptable** — To warn a pedestrian walking on the sidewalk that you intend to start driving on their section of the sidewalk. Vehicles should not drive on the sidewalk.

• **Acceptable** — To get a driver's attention, to tell them their taillights are burned out.

• **Unacceptable** — To get a driver's attention, to tell them they are proof that evolution CAN go in reverse.

• **Acceptable** — To alert a driver that he or she is starting to drift out of their lane.

• **Unacceptable** — Continuously laying on the horn on the highway, as a way of letting other motorists know you are very sleepy, and are probably going to be drifting into their lane at some point.



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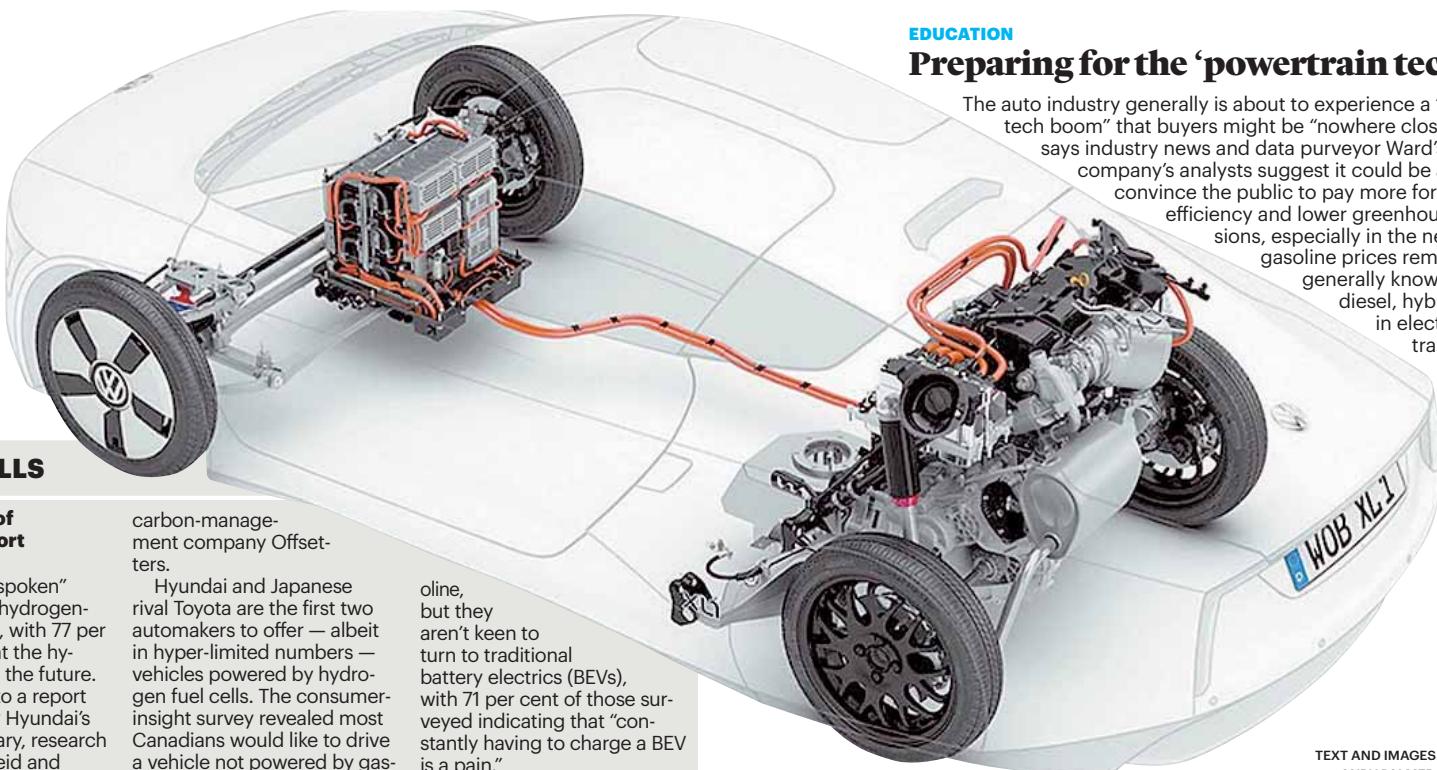
### Three-quarters of Canadians support hydrogen: Poll

"Canadians have spoken" on the subject of hydrogen-powered vehicles, with 77 per cent believing that the hydrogen fuel cell is the future. That's according to a report commissioned by Hyundai's Canadian subsidiary, research company Ipsos Reid and

carbon-management company Offsetters.

Hyundai and Japanese rival Toyota are the first two automakers to offer — albeit in hyper-limited numbers — vehicles powered by hydrogen fuel cells. The consumer-insight survey revealed most Canadians would like to drive a vehicle not powered by gas-

oline, but they aren't keen to turn to traditional battery electrics (BEVs), with 71 per cent of those surveyed indicating that "constantly having to charge a BEV is a pain."



## EDUCATION

### Preparing for the 'powertrain tech boom'

The auto industry generally is about to experience a "powertrain tech boom" that buyers might be "nowhere close to ready for," says industry news and data purveyor Ward's Auto. The company's analysts suggest it could be a challenge to convince the public to pay more for increased fuel efficiency and lower greenhouse-gas emissions, especially in the near term while gasoline prices remain low. People generally know little about diesel, hybrid and plug-in electric powertrains and what they can do, said Bryan Krulikowski of Morpace Market Research and Consulting.

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## GLOBAL LAUNCH

## Early adopters get the Mirai

Over the summer Toyota took another step toward a hydrogen-based future with the arrival of the first hand-built Mirai fuel-cell vehicles in the United Kingdom. The cars were part of the first consignment to reach Europe ahead of the car's official launch in September, about the same time the Mirai went on limited sale in the United States (initially California only) and Japan. Toyota, which hopes to sell 3,000 Mirais globally over the next three years, debuted the car in markets where hydrogen fuel supply and retail infrastructures were already being developed. The limited number available in Britain had already been pre-sold, primarily by business and corporate customers.



## LUXURY MARKET

## Electric Aston Martin Rapide a go

An all-electric version of the Aston Martin Rapide four-door luxury sports car will be on the market in about two years, company CEO Andy Palmer has confirmed. Boasting 800 horsepower, a 320-kilometre range and all-wheel-drive, the electric Rapide will likely command a premium over the current gasoline-powered Rapide, pictured, that starts at more than \$200,000 US.

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Aston Martin CEO Andy Palmer. He says an electric Aston could fill a niche that Tesla, as a relatively new brand, cannot cover.

## ELECTRIC CARS

## **Battery-only range gets a boost in the new Volt**

Having eliminated the phenomenon of range anxiety over plug-in electric cars with its original Chevrolet Volt sedan, General Motors has greatly increased the second-generation Volt's electric-only range, upping it to 85 kilometres from the original model's 56. Chevrolet estimates the new car's electric-only range will be enough to cover 90 per cent of most buyers' daily driving needs, reports Motor Authority. Once the car's electric range is depleted, the small on-board gasoline engine kicks in to work in tandem with the electric drive system, adding approximately another 670 kilometres of range. According to Motor Authority, "Chevy believes that most Volt owners will easily run 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) at a time between fill-ups."

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**THE RUNDOWN****1 Dimensions**

It's only about 4.1 metres long, which is about the same as the Mazda Miata, but the 4C is nearly 20 centimetres wider.

**2 Wheels**

Seventeen-inch front and 18-inch rear wheels are standard; 18/19 are optional.

**3 Engine**

The 4C has a mid-engine layout and rear-wheel drive. The turbo 1.75-litre four-cylinder engine makes 237 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque.

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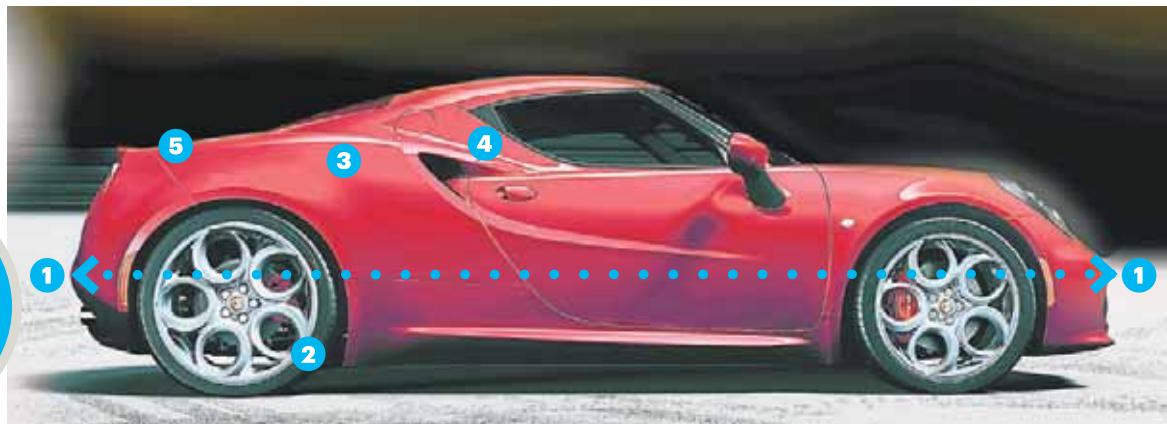
Body composite is claimed to be both lighter and stronger than steel and allows complex shapes like this.

**5 Storage**

Here's a small trunk behind the engine.

**SPEEDSTER**

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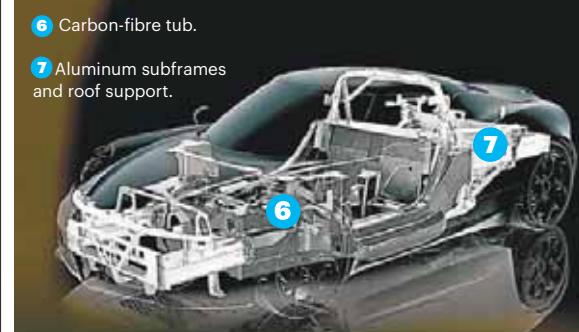
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# Meet the 2015 Alfa Romeo 4C

It's an exercise in physics, really. Low mass is easier to move. Alfa Romeo returned to the North American market with this car, sold in limited numbers through Maserati dealerships and some select Fiat stores.

The key to the 4C is reduced weight through size and material use. At about 300 kilograms less than a Mazda Miata and the same overall length, it doesn't need a big engine to be quick.

JEFF MELNYCHUK/WHEELBASE MEDIA

**Inside**

- Seat frames are a mix of lightweight carbon fibre and fibreglass.
- Paddle-shift six-speed transmission; switch to reverse on the console.
- Four driving modes, including "Race" (denoted by yellow), which deactivates the stability control and allows the use of "launch control."
- Peak power below 6,500 for easier cruising.

# metro SPORTS

Your essential daily news

Roger Federer is out of the Shanghai Masters after losing to Albert Ramos-Vinolas in the 2nd round



St. Louis' Scottie Upshall, centre, celebrates his goal with teammate Paul Stastny, as Calgary's Michael Frolik skates by. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS VIA AP

## Flames rally falls short

**NHL**

### St. Albert native Parayko scores his first two NHL goals

Colton Parayko scored his first two NHL goals to lead the St. Louis Blues to a 4-3 victory over the Calgary Flames on Tuesday night.

Playing his third-career game, the 22-year-old defenceman broke a 2-2 tie at 4:47 of the second period on a 55-foot wrist shot that eluded Flames goaltender Jonas Hiller.

The goal came on the first man advantage of the game for the Blues (2-1-0), who had

been shorthanded four times in the first period.

The St. Alberta native, who had family in attendance, then gave the Blues some insurance with 32 seconds left in the second on another long shot from the same distance, this one changing directions slightly on the way and slipping under Hiller's arm.

It was the third-straight goal for St. Louis, which entered the period down 2-1 but tied it at 2:49 when Troy Brouwer scored on a breakaway. Scottie Upshall also scored for the Blues.

Mason Raymond, Jiri Hudler and David Jones scored for Calgary (1-2-0). The Flames, who fell to 0-2 on home ice, are back in action Friday night.

TUESDAY in Calgary

**4** **3**  
BLUES FLAMES

in Winnipeg against the Jets.

Calgary was held to just 10 shots through 40 minutes, but got back to within one 1:42 into the third period on a bad turnover deep in his own end by Blues captain David Backes.

Michael Frolik quickly fed Jones, who fired his first of the year behind Brian Elliott. Backes broke his stick over the net afterwards in frustration.

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St. Louis' Jay Bouwmeester, centre, battles for the puck with Calgary's Brett Kulak. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

### HOCKEY

#### McDavid scores first career goal in Oilers loss

Jason Spezza scored three goals, including the tie-breaker late in the third period, and the Dallas Stars spoiled Connor McDavid's first NHL goal with a 4-2 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday night.

McDavid, selected No. 1 overall in the June draft, scored in the second period to pull the Oilers even at 2 after they had fallen behind 2-0.

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**Former NBA star Odom unconscious, hospitalized**  
Authoritiessay former NBA and reality TV star Lamar Odom has been hospitalized after he was found unconscious at a Nevada brothel.

Nye County Sheriff Sharon A. Wehrly says the department got a call Tuesday afternoon requesting an ambulance for an unresponsive man at the Love Ranch in Crystal, Nevada about 70 miles outside of Las Vegas. A sheriff's statement says Odom was stabilized and taken to Desert View Hospital in nearby Pahrump.

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#### Ovechkin sits out Caps' game for personal reasons

Alex Ovechkin sat out the Washington Capitals' game Tuesday night against San Jose because of personal reasons.

The Capitals sent out a note on Twitter about 35 minutes before the game saying Ovechkin would not play.

They had confirmed earlier in the day that the left wing did not take part in the team's morning skate.

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#### Canada women's team to give new goalies a chance

Canada will be green in goal at the Four Nations Cup women's hockey tournament, Nov. 4-8 in Sundsvall, Sweden.

Canadian goaltenders Emerance Maschmeyer of Bruderheim, Alta., and Erica Howe of Orleans, Ont., have fewer than five career starts for the national team between them.

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# Gibbons acknowledges first post-season 'intense'

## GAME 5 PREVIEW

**Jays manager making hard pitching calls to get job done**

Down 2-0 in the American League Division Series, Blue Jays manager John Gibbons did not look his normal relaxed self in the visiting manager's office at Globe Life Park.

A persistent hacking chest cold was no doubt responsible for the grey look. But Toronto's predicament wasn't helping. One more slip-up and the Jays' dream season was over.

"It has happened fast," Gibbons acknowledged. "I think a week ago today we were sitting down in Tampa taking the Sports Illustrated (cover) picture."

Two wins later, the series with Texas is even and Toronto can dispatch the Rangers on Wednesday from the comfort of its home stadium.

Gibbons has made some hard decisions along the way in the pressure-filled playoff cauldron where three losses can quickly trump the 93 wins in the regular season.

Prior to Game 3, he was asked whether his first foray into the post-season had



John Gibbons speaks with reporters during a news conference in Toronto on Tuesday, ahead of Game 5 in the ALDS. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

proved more challenging than expected.

"I don't know if it's harder than you imagine. It's definitely more intense. I don't know. I can't really answer that yet. I've loved every minute of it but there's definitely a different feel in these games than your normal games," he said.

"But it's still baseball. You still have to execute, you still

have to do your thing."

In the leadup to the post-season, Gibbons looked after his players.

He let them celebrate the franchise's long-awaited return to the playoffs. He gave them time off to recover. He handed the ball to veteran LaTroy Hawkins in the game that clinched the AL East title. And in another sign of respect, he gave Mark

Buehrle a bonus start in a bid to reach 200 innings pitched for the 15th straight season.

With the season on the line Monday, Gibbons played hard ball. Despite being up 7-1, he pulled R.A. Dickey after he yielded a single with two outs in the fifth, denying the 40-year-old knuckleballer a win in his first post-season start.

He inserted David Price,

**It has happened fast. I think a week ago today we were sitting down in Tampa taking the Sports Illustrated (cover) picture.**

John Gibbons on losing the first two games of the series

effectively using up the Game 1 starter in a relief role.

With Brett Cecil injured and fellow left-hander Aaron Loup unavailable because of a family matter, Gibbons had few southpaw options against a Texas batting order bristling with five lefties.

When he was taken out, Dickey was facing the meat of the Rangers' order with left-hander Shin-Soo Choo and Adrian Beltre, who had a combined four hits in the game, with lefties Prince Fielder and Mitch Moreland to follow with Josh Hamilton on deck.

"What we didn't want to happen is a couple guys on base," said Gibbons. "Choo comes up. And R.A. has been known to give up the fly balls, launch it. Maybe if that should happen now they're right back in the game." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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## JAYS-RANGERS

## Stroman pumped for start



Marcus Stroman, out for most of the season through injury, is relishing these big games. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Toronto Blue Jays are putting their faith in Marcus Stroman with their season on the line against the Texas Rangers in Game 5 of the American League Division Series.

The 24-year-old, who missed the majority of the season with a torn ACL in his left knee, is set to face playoff veteran Cole Hamels in the deciding game of the first-round series Wednesday afternoon.

"He's done it in the playoffs, he's proven and he's nasty," Stroman said. "I just look forward to competing against Cole Hamels."

Hamels was the World Series MVP in 2008, and Stroman will be making his second career post-season start.

"There's something different about him," manager John Gibbons said. "If anybody can rise to the occasion it'll be him."

The pressure is on Stroman after the Blue Jays opted to use ace David Price in relief of R.A. Dickey in Game 4.

Gibbons said Price is "not here to be abused" and that he wouldn't count on the star lefty being available for Game 5 at Rogers Centre.

Without Price, Aaron Loup would be the only left-hander available out of the bullpen.

But Loup's status is unclear after he missed Game 4 with a personal matter.

Gibbons said he did not know if Loup would be available. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## NLDS

## Playoff history as Cubs oust St. Louis

## TUESDAY in Chicago

**6 CUBS** **4 CARDINALS**

The Chicago Cubs clinched a post-season series at Wrigley Field for the first time ever, getting home runs from Kyle Schwarber, Anthony Rizzo and Javier Baez in beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 Tuesday to win the National League Division Series in four games.

A day after hitting a post-season-record six homers, the Cubs hammered their way into the NL Championship Series by taking the best-of-five set before a rollicking crowd.

Manager Joe Maddon's bunch of wild-card Cubs will face the winner of the Los Angeles Dodgers-New York Mets matchup.

The Mets and Dodgers were tied 2-2 after Game 4 Tuesday night. The Cubs last reached the NLCS in 2003, when they lost in seven games to the Marlins. Chicago dropped those final two at home, including the infamous Bartman defeat in Game 6.

Wrigley Field hosted its first Cubs game in 1916, eight years after they last won the World Series. The Cardinals failed to reach the NL Championship Series after playing there the past four years.

"You can judge us whatever way you want," manager Mike Matheny said. "We have to look in the mirror."

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## NLDS

## Dodgers force Game 5

Clayton Kershaw ended his five-game post-season skid with seven brilliant innings while pitching on three days' rest and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the New York Mets 3-1 Tuesday night to force a deciding Game 5 in the NL Division Series.

The series shifts back to Dodger Stadium on Thursday.

Zack Greinke will face the Mets' Jacob deGrom for the right to compete in the NL Championship Series against the Chicago Cubs.

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